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SUBJECT: NPW VISITS TO FRG

REFS: STATE 007004 DTG 122008Z JAN 76; STATE A-292 OF
JANUARY 16, 1975 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSED SUBJECT
WITH FONOFF REP RUMPF (LEGAL) WHO REITERATED FMOD
REGRET AT DIFFICULTIES EXPERIENCED WITH NAUTILUS
VISIT. HE EXPLAINED THAT IN WAY OF PROVISIONAL
SOLUTION FMOD IS PREPARED TO JEOPARDIZE HALF OF ITS
ANNUAL BUDGET THROUGH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITMENT
TO LAENDER IN COMPLIANCE WITH LAENDER LIABILITY BOND
REQUIREMENT FOR FUTURE NPW VISITS UNTIL PERMANENT
SOLUTION ACHIEVED. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE
DURING THE FINAL QUARTER OF ANY FRG FISCAL (AND
CALENDAR) YEAR WHEN FMOD BUDGET IS DEPLETED OR
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COMMITTED.

2. RUMPF SAID THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IS PREPARING MEMORANDUM ON BASIS OF WHICH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT' IN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE A PERMANENT SOLUTION, WILL SEEK TO PERSUADE LAENDER THAT IT CAN LEGALLY PROVIDE ADEQUATE ASSURANCES TO MEET LAENDER LIABILITY BOND REQUIREMENT. RUMPF DOUBTED THAT EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO ESTABLISH THAT LAENDER, IN EXERCISING THEIR SECURITY POWERS, CANNOT IMPOSE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS THAT AFFECT FOREIGN AND DEFENSE POLICY OF FRG. HE STATED THAT AS REINSURANCE FOR ITS COMMITMENT VIS-A-VIS THE LAENDER, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REQUIRED AT LEAST A MORAL OBLIGATION ON PART OF USG ALONG LINES PROVIDED BY PL 93-513 JOINT RESOLUTION.

3. WHILE AT FIRST STATING THAT NO OBSTACLES WERE PRESENTLY BEING ENCOUNTERED WHICH A POLITICAL DEMARCHE WOULD HELP TO OVERCOME, RUMPF LATER EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SUCH DEMARCHE, IF CONNECTED WITH NOTE OFFICIALLY TRANSMITTING PL 93-513 FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION, ALONG LINES OF TAB A TO REF AIRGRAM B, COULD PROVE HELPFUL TO CURRENT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE PROBLEM.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED BY MARCH 1, EMBASSY PLANS TO MAKE POLITICAL DEMARCHE AT LEVEL OF MINISTER TO STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF OR POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL. THIS DEMARCHE WOULD BE COUPLED WITH DELIVERY OF EMBASSY NOTE ALONG LINES OF TEXT IN TAB A TO REF AIRGRAM B, FORMALLY TRANSMITTING WORDING OF JOINT RESOLUTION AND COPY OF REPORT BY JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY.
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